

Minutes of the 1st Meeting in 2024
of the Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee
of Tai Po District Council

Date: 11 January 2024 (Thursday)
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:46 a.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
<u>Chairman</u>		
Mr. LO Hiu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Vice-chairman</u>		
Mr. WU Cheuk-him	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Members</u>		
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Man-kit	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LEE Hon-cheung	Beginning of the meeting	11:30 a.m.
Mr. LAM Yick-kuen, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Ching-hung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Yung-wa	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WAN Koon-kau	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WONG Wai-tung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, BBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. LOK Siu-luen	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Secretary</u>		
Miss LUK Wing-sum, Joyce	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Executive Officer (District Council) 2 / Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) / Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)		

In Attendance

Ms. CHAN Sin-ye	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po/ North) 1 / Social Welfare Department (“SWD”)
Mr. WONG Man-yum	Senior Housing Manager / Tai Po, North & Shatin 3 / Housing Department (“HD”)
Mr. LAU Ka-wing, Kevin	Senior Town Planner / Tai Po / Planning Department (“PlanD”)
Ms. LO Sik-chi, Cynthia	Engineer / 22 (North) / Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”)
Mr. TSUI Chun-sing	Admin Assistant / Lands (District Lands Office, Tai Po) (“TPDLO”) / Lands Department
Ms. LEE Che-ying	Engineer / New Territories East (Distribution 4) / Water Supplies Department
Dr. YUEN Cheuk-pun, Eddie	Deputy Hospital Chief Executive / Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital (“Nethersole Hospital”) and Tai Po Hospital
Dr. LEUNG Shuk-yan	Consultant / Department of Family Medicine / New Territories East Cluster (“NTEC”)
Ms. CHENG Ka-yan, Christine	Manager (Communications and Community Relations) / Nethersole Hospital and Tai Po Hospital
Ms. LING Wai-chi	Senior Youth and Education Officer (New Territories East) / Independent Commission Against Corruption (“ICAC”)
Mr. LIU Chung-ho	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer / Police Community Relations Office of Tai Po District / Hong Kong Police Force
Mr. LUI Kan-man, Raymond	Senior Liaison Officer (1) / TPDO / HAD
Ms. SING Hoi-shan, Wendy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed participants to the 1st meeting in 2024 of the Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee (“SHDC”), and announced that Dr. YUEN Cheuk-pun, Eddie, Deputy Hospital Chief Executive and Chief of Services of Accident and Emergency Department (“A&ED”) of Nethersole Hospital and Tai Po Hospital, was attending the meeting in place of Dr. SIN Ngai-chuen, Hospital Chief Executive. The Chairman then welcomed Dr. LEUNG Shuk-yan, Consultant of Department of Family Medicine of NTEC, who was attending the meeting in place of Dr. LEUNG Kwan-wa, Maria, Chief of Service.

I. Hospital Authority – Report on the provision of medical services in Tai Po District

2. The representative of Hospital Authority (“HA”) reported on the provision of medical services by HA in Tai Po District. Details were as follows:

- (i) The number of people served by A&ED of Nethersole Hospital every day between 3 January and 9 January 2024 was between 250 and 341.
- (ii) The bed occupancy rate of medical wards ranged from 110% to 127%.
- (iii) The bed occupancy rate of paediatric wards ranged from 87% to 105%.
- (iv) The bed occupancy rate of orthopaedic wards ranged from 83% to 100%.
- (v) To prevent the risks arising from the winter influenza season and increase in the number of cases of novel coronavirus infection, the hospital had taken the following measures:
 - (a) Enhancing the general out-patient clinic services during the Lunar New Year holiday;
 - (b) Provision of more temporary beds;
 - (c) Reinforcement of laboratory services, as well as supporting service for hospital admission, discharge and transfer;
 - (d) Enhancing the provision of outreaching support services for the elderly in residential care homes for the elderly;
 - (e) Appealing to the public to receive seasonal influenza vaccination (“SIV”) as early as possible, as well as eligible persons to receive the latest XBB COVID-19 vaccine.

3. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They suggested that information on A&ED waiting time should be made available online.
- (ii) They suggested liaising and coordinating with private clinics in the district to enhance evening out-patient services.

4. The representative of HA responded that information on A&ED waiting time was made available to the public through HA’s website and mobile application “HA Go”. In addition, there were screens and regular broadcasts at the A&ED to announce the waiting time.

(Post-meeting note: Information on A&ED waiting time on the website of HA:

https://www.ha.org.hk/visitor/ha_visitor_index.asp?Content_ID=235504&Lang=ENG&Dimension=100&Parent_ID=10051&Ver=HTML)

5. The representative of HA continued to point out that preliminary contact had been made with private clinics in Tai Po District and further discussion on evening out-patient services in the district would be held.

6. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether preparations had been made for the overcrowding problem of beds.
- (ii) They suggested providing the number of on-call duty doctors at A&ED and the waiting time for specialist out-patient service.
- (iii) They suggested reporting on the proposed expansion of Nethersole Hospital at the next meeting, and expressed concerns that the project would take 10 years to complete and it might not be able to cope with the population growth in the district.
- (iii) They asked whether improvement works or redevelopment would be carried out to Wong Siu Ching Family Medicine Centre ("WSCFMC").
- (iv) They suggested that the hospital introduce delivery care services at Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department ("O&GD") and provide data on pregnant women population in the district.

7. The representative of HA responded as follows:

- (i) With the recent increase in influenza cases, and the current tight supply and overcrowdedness of beds, the hospital had re-deployed beds in a flexible manner so that patients could receive appropriate medical treatment as fast as possible. The hospital had also appealed to the public again to receive SIV and COVID-19 vaccine as early as possible.
- (ii) The project of Nethersole Hospital was under the second 10-year Hospital Development Plan, the exact schedule of which would be reported to Members when available.
- (iii) The hospital would continue to monitor the service throughputs and mobilise manpower in a timely manner.
- (iv) O&GD services were under cluster planning. There was an O&GD out-patient clinic in Nethersole Hospital, whereas hospitalisation services were provided by Prince of Wales Hospital. The hospital would reflect to NTEC the public expectation of the introduction of additional O&GD hospitalization and delivery care services in the district.
- (v) The link on the waiting time for specialist out-patient services could be provided after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Information on waiting time for new case booking for specialist out-patient services on the website of HA:

https://www.ha.org.hk/visitor/ha_visitor_index.asp?Content_ID=214197&Lang=ENG&Dimension=100&Parent_ID=10053&Ver=HTML)

8. The representative of HA continued to respond as follows:

- (i) The departments concerned were studying the feasibility of expanding WSCFMC.
- (ii) Members would be informed of any updates on the construction of a new specialist out-patient clinic.

9. Members suggested inviting representatives of the departments concerned to attend the next meeting to report on the planning of expanding WSCFMC, as well as its out-patient and dental services.

10. The Chairman said that the hospital could provide the relevant information at the next meeting for Members' information.

II. Social Welfare Department – Report on the data on major social services in Tai Po District (TPDC Paper No. SHD 1/2024)

11. The representative of SWD went through TPDC Paper No. SHD 1/2024.

12. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked about the reasons why holders of the "Registration Card for People with Disabilities" ("Registration Card") were ineligible for Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities ("S2 Scheme").
- (ii) They suggested establishing a dedicated community organisation to enhance public awareness of psychiatric patients.
- (iii) They asked about the types and distribution of cases each month so that the relevant community organisation could complement the work of SWD.
- (iv) They asked about data such as percentage of manpower shortage in residential child care institutional services in Tai Po District, and suggested that the SWD recruit more manpower and promote foster care service in the district with a view to alleviating the pressure on institutional care services.

13. The representative of SWD responded as follows:

- (i) Holders of the Registration Card issued by doctors, allied health personnel or officers-in-charge of the relevant organisations were not necessarily eligible for the \$2 Scheme. If in doubt about the above application, holders of the Registration Card might make enquiries to respective case workers of the department.
- (ii) In addition to providing intervention services such as individual and family counselling at the Integrated Family Service Centres (“IFSCs”), the SWD had also been pulling together district resources to respond to the needs of the district through various service co-ordinating committees and working groups. The department would hold the 2024 Tai Po and North District Welfare Forum on 19 January 2024. Guests such as Mr. WONG Yan-lung, GBM, SC, JP, the first Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health, had been invited to share their views. Active participation of Members was most welcome. Meanwhile, the department also welcomed local groups and District Services and Community Care Teams (“Care Teams”) in Tai Po to work together to promote mental health at different levels in the community.
- (iii) Regarding the IFSC cases in Tai Po District, most of them were related to personal and emotional problems, while problems included child care, parenting and parent-child relationship, housing, economic issues and partnership relationship accounted for others.
- (iv) The department would hold a briefing session on social services for the District Council Members (“DC Members”) of Tai Po on 23 January to introduce more social welfare services in Tai Po and North District. Active participation of Members was most welcome.
- (v) The department did not have data on the percentage of manpower shortage in residential child care institutional services at the moment, but was taking forward measures progressively to improve child services. In addition, the SWD had set up Service Quality Groups (“SQGs”) for various institutional services and arranged for site visits to strengthen supervision and enhance service quality. Apart from a SQG for residential special child care centres, there was also a SQG for residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities in Tai Po District. The department encouraged interested Members to participate.
- (vi) The department thanked Members for their assistance in promoting and publicising foster families service.

14. The Chairman appealed to Members to participate actively in the welfare briefing session.

III. Social Welfare Department and Independent Commission Against Corruption – Reports on the response to community activities held between September and December 2023 in Tai Po
(TPDC Paper No. SHD 2/2024)

15. The representative of SWD asked Members to take note of the response to the community activities held by the SWD in Tai Po between September and December 2023 as set out in TPDC Paper No. SHD 2/2024.

16. The representative of ICAC asked Members to take note of the response to the community activities held by the ICAC in Tai Po between September and December 2023 as set out in TPDC Paper No. SHD 2/2024. Year 2024 marked the 50th anniversary of ICAC which would organise various events for public participation. Members would be invited to assist in publicising the events by then.

17. Members suggested that the SWD consider co-hosting activities with Care Teams to make use of larger venues to benefit more members of the public.

18. The representative of SWD responded that as IFSCs organised groups on therapy, development, support, education and mutual help at present, which were more suitable to be conducted in small groups. The department would also organise large-scale activities on a need basis, and could co-host other activities with Care Teams in the future.

19. The Chairman welcomed SWD and ICAC to distribute more information on their activities and strengthen interaction with Care Teams in Tai Po.

IV. District Lands Office, Tai Po – Report on matters relating to the illegal structures on and illegal occupation of Government lands
(TPDC Paper No. SHD 3/2024)

20. The representative of TPDLO went through TPDC Paper No. SHD 3/2024.

21. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether data and successful examples of applications for retention of unauthorised building works ("UBWs") in private housing estates or village houses, such as addition of glass houses and renovation of old rooftops, could be provided for reference.
- (ii) Some residents had reflected that applications for renewal under the Rationalisation Scheme of UBWs ("Rationalisation Scheme") for village houses built before 2012 were successful, but no applications for exemption of UBWs had been made. As

the Buildings Department (“BD”) had now issued removal orders for UBWs, Members asked whether applications could be made again at the present stage.

- (iii) They suggested that the TPDLO and BD assist residents in applying for renewal of under the Rationalisation Scheme, installing solar panels on houses with UBWs, and considering the possibility for homeowners to engage qualified engineers to write safety reports for the processing of applications. Tai Po Rural Committee (“TPRC”) and Heung Yee Kuk New Territories could be liaised to follow up together if necessary.
- (iv) They suggested inviting departmental representatives of BD to attend the next meeting to respond to enquiries on UBWs.

22. The representative of TPDLO responded that he would provide information on the cases after the meeting. Enquiries as to the Reporting Scheme for UBWs in New Territories Exempted Houses (“Reporting Scheme”) could be directed to the BD.

23. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to invite departmental representatives of BD to attend the next meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding the enquiries and suggestions in paragraphs 21 and 23 above, the Secretariat invited the BD on 6 February 2024 to send staff to attend the next meeting. The department replied on 19 February 2024 that it could not send staff to attend the meeting and provided supplementary information (see *Annex I* for details). The TPDLO added in relation to paragraph 22 above that it was not the department responsible for the Reporting Scheme and thus could not provide the relevant data. The TPDLO would suspend action against the reported UBWs, and would follow up again in the light of the enforcement plan of BD for dealing with the UBWs concerned. Given the nature of the UBWs concerned, the TPDLO would not consider granting waivers.)

V. District Lands Office, Tai Po – Report on the progress of processing redevelopment applications of small houses and old houses in Tai Po District
(TPDC Paper No. SHD 4/2024)

24. The representative of TPDLO went through TPDC Paper No. SHD 4/2024.

25. A Member pointed out that some residents had reflected that the vetting and approving time for applications for the Consent to the Commencement of Building Works for redevelopment of old houses was relatively long, and thus asked about the situation of manpower vacancy in the TPDLO and the reasons for not approving the redevelopment applications of old houses. In

addition, Members suggested that the department recruit part-time staff or carry out work redeployment.

26. The representative of TPDLO responded as follows:

- (i) He noted Members' suggestions on manpower. There were initially two officers in the TPDLO responsible for processing redevelopment applications, but there was a vacancy at present and thus only one officer was following up on the redevelopment applications for the time being.
- (ii) The reasons for rejecting the redevelopment applications mainly included incompatibility between the proposals of redevelopment applications and the land lease covenants and planned uses, as well as land title or boundary problem, etc.

27. The Chairman suggested that the departmental representative consider the suggestions and reflect them to the department concerned.

28. The representative of TPDLO corrected that "ERD" was a typo in item I of TPDC Paper No. SHD 4/2024.

29. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to correct the paper.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had corrected the typo mentioned in paragraphs 28 and 29 above.)

VI. Planning Department – Report on the progress of processing planning applications in Tai Po District by the Town Planning Board and its Rural and New Town Planning Committee
(TPDC Paper No. SHD 5/2024)

30. The representative of PlanD went through TPDC Paper No. SHD 5/2024.

31. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They suggested that the Government provide more charging facilities for electric vehicles ("EVs") in villages, and asked whether it would be easier for applications for change of land use to parking lots by village owners to be approved if, at the same time, it was specified that the parking lots would be equipped with charging facilities for EVs.

- (ii) They pointed out that there was not much land available in villages at present, and opined that the Government should release village and agricultural land for the construction of houses, parking lots or refuse collection points (“RCPs”) according to the needs of villages.
- (iii) They asked whether school sites had been reserved in the project of Chung Nga Road West.
- (iv) They asked about Planning Application No. Y/TP/37.
- (v) They asked about information on past applications for the construction of RCPs in the area of Shap Sze Heung, Sai Kung North.
- (vi) They asked about the progress of site formation works for public housing developments at To Yuen Tung, Ma Wo Road, and hoped that the department would report the project in detail. Members also suggested that the PlanD and departments concerned take into consideration factors such as environment and pedestrian flow and plan ahead for the provision of ancillary facilities for the shopping mall, covered-walkways and traffic facilities.

32. The representative of PlanD responded as follows:

- (i) When deliberating the planning applications for the provision of more charging facilities for EVs in villages, the Town Planning Board (“TPB”) would take into consideration the relevant opinions, including whether support had been secured from the Environment and Ecology Bureau and departments concerned.
- (ii) The reasons for not approving the applications varied, which involved issues such as technical or site selection. He would welcome discussion with Members on possible sites for constructing parking lots.
- (iii) Applications had to be made to the TPB for construction of houses in “Agriculture” zone, and there were examples of successful cases.
- (iv) A school site had been reserved at Chung Nga Road West. The department had completed the statutory rezoning process for public housing and school sites in 2014. The design and implementation of the public housing development was undertaken by the HD, while the Education Bureau and Architectural Services Department were responsible for the implementation of school development at present.
- (v) Application No. Y/TP/37 was proposed by the applicant to rezone the site from “Village Type Development” (“V”) to “Government, Institution or Community (3)”. The TPB rejected the application after taking into account the opinions of various parties on 27 October 2023.

- (vi) Information on the application for construction of RCP in the Village Environs and V zones in Shap Sze Heung, Sai Kung North was not available at the moment and would be provided after the meeting.
- (vii) The site at To Yuen Tung, Ma Wo Road was rezoned from “Green Belt” to “Residential (Group A) 10” in 2022. The CEDD and HD were responsible for the subsequent site formation works and detailed design of the housing development.

33. The representative of HD responded that information on the public housing projects (“PHPs”) at Chung Nga Road West and To Yuen Tung, Ma Wo Road was not available for the time being, and the details would be provided after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The PlanD added in respect of paragraph 32(vi) above that from the records of the department, Lots 911 (part) and 912 (part) in D.D.165, Tseng Tau Village, Shap Sze Heung, Sai Kung North were involved in a planning application (No. A/NE-SSH/143) where the land would be used as a temporary RCP for a period of 3 years. The application was approved by Rural and New Town Planning Committee of TPB with conditions on 28 October 2022 for a period of 3 years till 28 October 2025. The HD added in respect of paragraph 33 above that the responsible architect was still consolidating information on the PHPs at Chung Nga Road West and To Yuen Tung, Ma Wo Road and would provide to the SHDC as soon as possible.)

VII. Housing Department – Report on the information relating to the vacant housing units, execution of the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement, and the vacant storage rooms in the public housing estates in Tai Po District
(TPDC Paper No. SHD 6/2024)

34. The representative of HD went through TPDC Paper No. SHD 6/2024.

35. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked whether the total number of vacant flats included those reserved for the SWD or persons with imminent housing needs, and whether the flats for sale would all be used for sale after recovery or would continue to be leased out after refurbishment, as well as whether there were guidelines for reference.
- (ii) They asked whether the intake of flats in Fu Tip Estate would take place in March 2024 and were concerned about whether the supporting facilities (e.g. transportation and shopping malls, etc.) in Fu Tip Estate were in place.
- (iii) They asked whether the HD would distribute designated bags to households after the implementation of Municipal Solid Waste (“MSW”) charging, and worried that the households might be allotted penalty points under the Marking Scheme for Estate

Management Enforcement (“Marking Scheme”) due to improper handling of refuse. As such, they suggested raising households’ awareness of MSW charging policy and keeping the housing estates clean.

- (iv) They suggested providing more food waste composters and recycling facilities in public housing estates (“PHEs”) and inviting GREEN@COMMUNITY for recycling.
- (v) They asked about the schedule for allocation of new flats in the single-wing Kwong Yan House, Kwong Fuk Estate.
- (vi) They asked how to define and penalise cases where residents smoked inside the flat and affected neighbours.
- (vii) So far, about seven Members had indicated that they would use space in PHEs to set up their ward offices.
- (viii) They suggested resuming Mutual Aid Committees (“MACs”) so that DC Members could serve more PHEs.
- (ix) They suggested that the HD arrange for Care Teams to take over and use the vacant units after the dissolution of MACs.
- (x) As the surroundings of the vacant units planned to be used for selling designated bags was far from ideal, they suggested that the department identify other vacant units.
- (xi) A large piece of land near She Shan Tsuen was acquired for land sharing recently. Some residents received a letter from TPDLO requesting them to remove their ancestral graves before the deadline. Members asked the departments concerned to discuss with the affected villagers to look for proper ways to deal with the matter.

36. The representative of TPDO responded in respect of the matter in She Shan Tsuen that the TPDO had communicated with the TPDLO. The TPDLO’s practice of letter issuance was in accordance with established procedures. He hoped that the descendants of the ancestral graves would contact the TPDLO upon receipt of letters to further discuss the ways to deal with the matter.

37. The representative of HD responded as follows:

- (i) The HD and SWD had set aside a fixed quota of public rental housing (“PRH”) units for applicants of Compassionate Rehousing each year, and the allocated PRH units would be arranged according to the housing estates recommended by SWD.
- (ii) Under the current policies, flats recovered from estates under Tenants Purchase Scheme (“TPS”) would not be leased out again, but the department would reserve a small number of flats for tenants who had applied for transfer within the same TPS estates before 2022.

- (iii) According to the information provided by the Development and Construction Division (“DCD”) of HD, Fu Tip Estate would be completed in two phases. Occupation permits were expected to be issued in February 2024 at the earliest and TPDC Members would be invited for a site visit by then. The HD aimed that transportation and commercial facilities in the housing estate would be ready when occupation permits were issued, but it was inevitable that there were still inadequacies. The HD intended to discuss with the architects of DCD on 16 January 2024 on the progress of works in Fu Tip Estate and the exact date of intake of flats.
- (iv) Information on Kwong Yan House, Kwong Fuk Estate was not available for the time being, and would be further followed up after the meeting.
- (v) Staff would enforce the Marking Scheme if they found on the spot that a tenant was smoking or carrying a lighted cigarette in the common area of the housing estate. If a tenant smoked indoor and affected the neighbours, the department would advise the smoker to smoke on the balcony or change the position of the exhaust fan in the flat, which could solve most of the cases in general. However, difficult cases might be resolved by applying for internal transfer.
- (vi) He had no information on land sharing in Lam Tsuen, and suggested that the PlanD supplement on this.
- (vii) The HD was considering allocating the former MAC offices that were vacant at present for conversion for domestic use and internal estate use, using as MSW service rooms, letting to Care Teams, and serving as mini-recycling stores of Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) and ward offices. The application for ward offices could be discussed in detail after the meeting. The HD allowed more than one DC Member to lease the same unit, with one of them being the primary tenant while the rest being the secondary tenant. A DC Member might not occupy more than 35 square metres of office space in order to free up more usable space.
- (viii) The HD would continue to gather tenants’ views through various means, including consultation with DC Members and provision of suggestion boxes in estate lobbies.
- (ix) At the initial stage of implementation of MSW charging, the department would carry out enforcement through publicity and giving advice. After a period of implementation, more stringent law enforcement actions would be taken in order to help the public adapt to the new policy.
- (x) The HD would negotiate with the EPD about the provision of food waste composters in housing estates in the district.
- (xi) He had no information on the relocation of ancestral graves in She Shan Tsuen.

38. The representative of PlanD responded that the Land Sharing Pilot Scheme (“LSPS”) was led by the Land Sharing Office of Development Bureau. The Government had given in-principle

endorsement to the land sharing applications for the sites located to the north and to the south of She Shan Road in November 2022 and December 2023 respectively. The departments concerned had preliminarily assessed the applications and considered that there were no insurmountable technical problems. The PlanD would consult the DC together with the applicants and related parties if amendments were to be made to the outline plans.

39. The representative of TPDLO responded that information on She Shan Tsuen was not available at the moment and would be followed up.

(Post-meeting note: The HD arranged a site visit for DC Members to Fu Tip Estate (Phase 2) on 6 February 2024, and added in respect of paragraph 37(iv) above that the HD was still collating information on Kwong Yan House, Kwong Fuk Estate and would provide it to the SHDC as soon as possible. The TPDLO added in respect of paragraph 39 above that as the Chief Executive had given in-principle endorsement to LSPS Application No. LSPS/003 for the site at She Shan North, Tai Po (hereinafter referred to as the “Development Proposal”) in November 2022, the TPDLO had conducted a preliminary inspection of the graves/urns that might be affected within the proposed site of the Development Proposal, and posted a notice in respect of the graves/urns at the graves/urns concerned, notice boards in the nearby villages and notice board of TPDLO on 6 October 2023, in the hope that the descendants of the graves/urns concerned would contact the TPDLO to discuss the relocation matters following approval of the Development Proposal. As such, the notice did not mention the deadline for relocating the graves/urns that might be affected. Copies of the notice had also been delivered to the TPDO and TPRC, and sent to the village representatives of the nearby villages by post on the day of posting of notice. Affected persons might contact the TPDLO staff for assistance as stated in the notice.)

VIII. Any other business

40. A Member suggested that matters arising be added to the agenda for the future meetings where the departments should take 10 minutes to respond to the follow-up items from the previous meeting before their regular reports.

41. The Secretary said that the suggestion would be considered after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding the suggestion in paragraph 40 above, the Secretariat replied to Members on 6 February 2024 that the departments had all along been responding to Members’ enquiries and providing supplementary information as soon as possible after the meetings, and would also take the initiative to report at the next meeting if no sufficient information could be provided.)

IX. Date of next meeting

42. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 8 March 2024 (Friday).

43. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat

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